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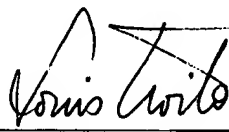
I. Status of the Claims

Claims 26-53 are pending in this application. Claims 1-25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 26, 27, and 31 have been amended to better define the claimed invention. Support for the amendments, as well as for new claims 32-53, can be found in the original claims and generally throughout the specification. See, e.g., page 3, lines 6-14 and Process Example 1 on pages 25-26 of the present specification. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments.

Applicants await an action on the merits, and timely allowance of the pending claims. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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**Amended Claims With Markings to Show Changes Made
By Preliminary Amendment of November 8, 2001**

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the existing title with the following new title:

-- METHOD OF MAKING A LAUNDRY [SHEET] DETERGENT ARTICLE
[CONTAINING A DETERGENT AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT FORMULATIONS
LAUNDRY DETERGENT ARTICLE] CONTAINING DETERGENT FORMULATIONS --

IN THE CLAIMS:

26. (Amended) A process for [making] producing a laundry [sheet] detergent
article comprising:

a) preparing a detergent formulation said slurry comprising amphoteric,
nonionic or anionic surfactants, and a builder, wherein said slurry has a viscosity in a
range that permits coating a substrate;

b) applying said detergent formulation [onto a substrate] to a
needlepunched, nonwoven substrate comprising fibers having a melting point of
approximately 300°F or greater; and

c) drying said detergent formulation and substrate until it forms said laundry
detergent article that is dry to the touch and which does not substantially transfer
detergent to other surfaces or to the skin when handled.

27. (Amended) The process of claim 26, wherein [said detergent formulation
is an homogeneous slurry and] said substrate is supported in a horizontal and flat
position while said substrate and detergent formulation [dries] dry.

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31. (Amended) The process of claim 28, wherein [the detergent formulation
an homogeneous slurry and] said slurry is applied to achieve from 36 to 42 ounces per
square yard of wet coating.

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